(c) The guidelines for approval of proposals are indicated in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) and (e) All these proposals will be placed, programme category-wise, before the Committee of Experts including non-officials appointed by the Government.

Statement

Guidelines for Approval of Sponsored Programmes

The proposals for sponsored TV serials received which are complete in all respects, will be divided into separate categories subject-wise and will be placed before the Selection Committee with clear indication about Doordarshan's requirement over a period of time for sponsored programmes on each particular theme and subject to enable it to select the required number of proposals in each category. The committee will endeavour to approve programmes which propagate high social values combined with wholesome entertainment. In particular, preference will be given to programmes which:

(a) promote good socio-cultural values;

(b) seek to inculcate in the viewers equal respect for different religions, languages, schools of thought, cultures etc.; promote national integration and uphold the values enshrined in the Constitution of India;

(c) project fairly the rich cultural diversity of the country;

(d) promote the welfare of the weeker sections of the society and reflect the life of the people in India;

(e) promote healthy respect for the place of women in our society and highlight the aspirations and problems of the youth; and

(f) seek to promote a scientific temper amongst the viewers.

The Selection Committee will also ensure that the guidelines prescribed by the Government for certification of films for public exhibition by the Central Board of Film Certification are strictly observed in the matter of assessment of the suitability of the proposed TV programmes.

Declaration of Assam as Disturbed Area

495. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what were the conditions that prevailed upon the Central Government to declare the entire State of Assam as disturbed area;

(b) whether there was any abnormal situation in all the districts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Secessionist and militant activity had increased in the State of Assam. There was large violence, extortion, kidnapping and murder leading to a reign of terror in the entire State.

Army Personnel Killed in Assam

496. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 150 Army personnel were killed during the operation Bajrang in Assam; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

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